GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1794
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LIST OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of commodities included in the list of Essential Commodities under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes to review the relevance of this Act in view of the present economic liberalisation era;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the Government proposes to conduct such a review; and

(e) the stage at which the matter stands as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : At present there are 7 number of essential commodities included in the list under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. These are as under:

(1) Drugs;

(2) Fertilizer, whether inorganic, organic or mixed;

(3) Foodstuffs, including edible oilseeds and oils;

(4) Hank yarn made wholly from cotton;

(5) Petroleum and petroleum products;

(6) Raw jute and jute textile;

(7)
(i) seeds of food-crops and seeds of fruits and vegetables;

(ii) seeds of cattle fodder; and

(iii) jute seeds,

(b) : There is no such proposal at present.

(c) to (e): In view of (b) above question does not arise.